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 Title: Computer-Implemented Image Acquisition System

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following section at the beginning of the specification  
 before the heading "Technical Field:"

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/153,432, filed  
 September 14, 1998, which is now U.S. Patent No. ....--

**Appendix**

In the priority application, the appendix was objected to because 37 CFR  
 1.96 only permits computer program listings, and because the appendix exceeded  
 the 10 page limit under MPEP 608.05. To avoid this objection in the subject  
 application, the specification is amended to place in the body of the specification

1 any material that was formerly included in the appendix. No new matter is added,  
2 since this subject matter was submitted as part of the original application. A  
3 substitute specification is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the  
4 specification be substituted for the original specification and that the above  
5 amendment for "Related Applications" be made after the substitution.

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7 **In the Claims:**


8 Kindly cancel claims 1-36 and 40-49 without prejudice.  
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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments prior to examination of the claims. The application now contains **claims 37-39**, which were restricted from the parent application. Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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